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**A HERO'S WELCOME . . .** Flanked by hero-worshipping youngsters, Cpl. Danny Arellano, freed by the Reds after 33 months in a prisoner of war camp, holds hands with the admiring boys as he walks toward a gala Pueblo homecoming celebration staged in his honor last Sunday. Following the entourage is the local-born Army man's mother, (arrow) Mrs. Josephine Gutierrez. (Herald photo).

### Doesn't Seem Right

## Family, Friends Fete Returning War Hero

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By JACK BALDWIN

Torrance-born Cpl. Danny Arellano, captured by the Reds and held prisoner for nearly three years, came home Sunday to enjoy the biggest party his relatives and friends could stage. But somehow it didn't seem right.

The local youth, now 21 years of age, left Torrance High School in 1950 to join the Army. In December of that year the Army corporal was taken prisoner while fighting in Korea.

When he arrived in San Francisco Saturday, a delegation of Torrance's only returning prisoner of war, met the freed prisoner and bade him "Welcome Home."

But somehow it didn't seem right. The celebration here was a gay affair, and in the spirit of the fiesta, although there were a few tears shed by the returning hero's many relatives. On hand to greet him were his mother, Mrs. Josephine Gutierrez who used to live here until she moved to San Jose. There were his four uncles, five aunts, 50 cousins, four sisters, one brother, and his only grandfather, Pedro Gutierrez. There were scores of old school buddies.

But somehow it didn't seem right. For there was not one single representative of the City of Torrance in attendance. There was not a single representative of any veterans group. Of the churches serving Torrance none sent a greeter.

Sitting down to a feast of chicken and rice, and salad and cake, which the returning fighting man had not tasted in three years were the Gonzales, the Chavezes, the Grajedanos, and the Lopez. There wasn't a single McClatchy, a Daszkowski, O'Malley, Schmidt, or St. Clair in the crowd.

And somehow it didn't seem right. Danny's father lives in Gardena and somehow the news releases came out that Danny, too, lived in Gardena. He never has. And yet Gardena is planning a big parade in his honor. After giving up three years of his life while living in the grime of a Communist prison camp, the ex-prisoner deserves a parade.

But somehow it doesn't seem right—in Gardena. Torrance has 40,000 people. One of them, only one, was a prisoner of war. But if his arrival home had not been celebrated by his many relatives and his friends in the block-long community of Pueblo, his return to Torrance might not have been noticed any more than the arrival of a bus from WALTERIA.

And somehow it doesn't seem right. Tuesday night the City Council appointed a committee to meet with some of the veteran leaders in Torrance to see if something can't be done to honor



**SPLIT DECISION . . .** Sandra Dee Hampton doesn't seem to be near as happy as Debra Lea with the news that they won blue ribbons at the Huntington Beach Twin Convention last Sunday. The 21-month-old daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hampton, 1400 W. 219th St., won first place for twins under two years. Spills of the victory included the double Folda Rolla stroller in which the pretty young maidens are riding. (Herald photo).

## Leaving Unguarded Areas

# Firemen Battle Holiday Blaze

### High School Procedure for First Day Told

Procedures for the first day of school next Monday at Torrance High School were announced by Boys' Counselor Ivan Malm yesterday.

Malm said all students, including those who would normally not begin their first classes until 9:10 a.m., are requested to report at 8:10 on Monday, the first day of school.

Individual program cards giving schedules of classes for each new student will be distributed then he said. The students will receive their cards, then report to their first classes.

The following areas have been designated for the various classes to assemble Monday he said:

**SENIORS:** Report at 8:10 a.m. at the new tennis courts at the rear of the main buildings.

**JUNIORS:** Report at 8:10 at the sunken gardens in front of the auditorium.

**SOPHOMORES:** Report at 8:10 a.m. in the science patio.

**FRESHMEN:** All ninth graders will receive program cards tomorrow, Sept. 11 at a special meeting between 1 and 3 p.m. Students whose program

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### Tour of Campus Planned for Freshman Class

Freshmen and upper classmen at Torrance High School who have not attended school here before have been invited to an "Introduction Day" program at the school tomorrow afternoon between 1 and 3 in the auditorium.

Ivan Malm, boys counselor at the school, said the students would be helped in preparing their programs, that student body officers would be introduced, and a tour of the campus made to top off the two-hour session.

Any questions about school routine will be answered at that time, Malm said.

Freshmen will report directly to their 8:10 a.m. "Freshman Problems" class on Monday morning, he said.

School buses will pick up freshmen tomorrow at the regular stops, beginning at 12:45 p.m.

### All Available Equipment in 3-Hour Battle

While every available piece of Fire Department equipment fought a spectacular blazing pile of rubbish Monday afternoon large areas of the city and thousands of Torrance homes stood unguarded by any fire fighting equipment.

Walteria, Pacific Hills, and the exclusive Hollywood Riviera.

residential areas were completely without protection as the Walteria Engine company moved up to help fight the blazing Torrance Metal Products Co. fire.

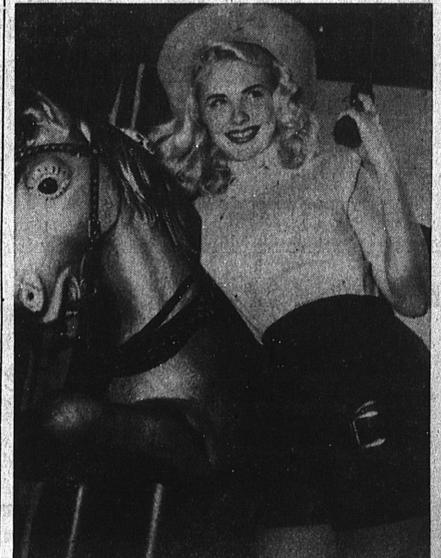
A small one-man Ford truck, a converted garbage wagon, was the only piece of equipment left to guard the thousands of new homes in North Torrance during the three-hour fire.

The blaze, believed to have started by spontaneous combustion in a bale of scrap paper, attracted thousands of spectators that blocked fire engine approaches to the fire. It leaped a 200 foot gap, set fire to tinder-dry weeds which in turn set fire to piles of scrap rubber and junked automobiles. Pillars of black smoke billowed skyward from the salvage reclaiming yard at the plant located in the heart of Torrance industrial section near Llewellen and Engracia Aves.

Fire Chief J. J. Benner called upon Redondo Beach to "move up" to give some protection to the high value central Torrance business and residential area.

The neighboring city sent the only piece of equipment it could spare—a 20-year-old fire truck. "This is the second time our luck has held out," said Chief Benner. "This fire and the sulphur plant fire. If we'd had a house fire in Walteria Monday afternoon it could well have burned to the foundation before we could have got an engine free to answer the call. We probably would have called on Redondo Beach."

Meanwhile, efforts to confine the fire to the Torrance Metal Products plant was hampered by motorists who drove their cars over fire hoses causing them to rupture and snap cooling. He said at least one fireman's life was endangered when the water pressure in the line he was manning suddenly cut off leaving him in a stifling area of flame and smoke and with no water with which to fight his way out.



**WHOOPEE . . .** Cowgirl Sandra "Miss Torrance of 1953" Constance, gets ready to Hopalong to the three-day Torrance Youth Band Carnival, which will pitch camp at Engracia and Cravens Aves. for a ride-so this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The Martins United Shows will gallop into town and set up all of their famous rides—roller coasters, ferris wheels, and kiddie rides, for the pleasure of showboys of all ages. Queen Sandra will reign over the show. (Herald photo).

## Steel Company Buys 47-Acre Site on 190th

Bethlehem Steel Corp. one of the nation's largest producers of steel, yesterday afternoon announced it had purchased 47 acres of land in the City of Torrance for future development.

The announcement, released by Fred Edmunds, public relations representative for Southern California, did not indicate to what purpose the land would be put. However it is widely known that Bethlehem is one of the nation's largest steel fabricators. The company also makes ships. But since Torrance is not especially noted as a sea port town, it can be deduced that the company most likely will erect a steel fabricating plant here.

The property is located on 190th St. near Western Ave., according to the news release. It was purchased from the Dominguez Estates Company through a Los Angeles broker, LeRoy D. Owen.

The Martin's United Shows of Los Angeles will set up their entire aggregation of rides on the corner of Engracia and Cravens Aves., next to the new telephone building.

Beautiful Sandra Lee Constance, "Miss Torrance of 1953," will reign over the proceedings. All of the famous rides and slides will be available for both adults and children at the three-day carnival, and proceeds will go into the Youth Band's uniform and instrument fund, Van Dyck announced.



**KENNETH HAHN**  
... Represents Torrance

## North Torrance Taken Out of Chace District

Beginning next month, Torrance will be represented by two county supervisors — Kenneth Hahn and Burton W. Chace. Unanimous action by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday sliced off a large chunk of Supervisor Chace's Fourth District and tacked it onto the Second district of Supervisor Hahn. All of Torrance north of 190th St. will be in Hahn's district.

Under terms of an ordinance, the redistricting will become effective in 30 days.

The redistricting will take about 180,000 voters out of the Fourth district, according to Richard Newton, field deputy for Supervisor Chace. The district is still the largest in the county, however.

Losses Inglewood Chace will lose the cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, and the unincorporated territories of Lennox, Wiseburn, and Moneta to Supervisor Hahn.

Chace will pick up some territory on the east side of the district from Supervisor Herbert C. Legg in the First District, Lynwood and the territory east of American Ave. to Cherry Ave. in Long Beach will be tacked onto the Fourth district.

Inasmuch as the Inglewood field office of Supervisor Chace

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**FOR SALE CHEAP—THREE USED CARS . . .** Up in smoke go three autos that burned in a spectacular holiday fire Monday afternoon. All local firefighting equipment was called out to fight fire at the Torrance Metal Products Co. Tires, rags, and junked autos sent dense clouds skyward attracting thousands of curious Labor Day motorists. (Herald photo).